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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2006, please enter the following Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.